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TAGS: PINT, YE, JO

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) SANAA 2463 (NOTAL); (B) SANAA 60 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: SAG APPEARS TO HAVE INFORMED PRESIDENT IRYANI THAT REDESIGNATION OF MUHSIN AL-AYNI AS PRIMIN WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR DOES BATTLE WITH PLO OFFICE.

2. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAIDAR MUSTAFA TELLS ME HE HAS TALKED TO CHIEF OF STAFF HUSAYN MASWARI FOLLOWING MASWARI'S RETURN FROM RIYADH WHERE HE SAW FAISAL AND OTHERS ON SOUNDING MISSION ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT IRYANI TO ASCERTAIN SAG REACTION TO A RETURN OF MUHSIN AL-AYNI AS PRIMIN OF NORTH YEMEN. ACCORDING JORDANIAN, MASWARI SAID SAG TURNED THUMBS DOWN, I.E. AL-AYNI'S RETURN WOULD MEAN THE END OF BUDGET SUPPORT.

3. COMMENT: WE HOPE TO GET THIS STORY MORE DIRECTLY, EITHER HERE OR WITH ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY JIDDA.

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WE WONDER IF SAG WOULD BE QUITE SO CATEGORIC. NEVER-
THELESS, AND WHATEVER THE DETAILS OF THE MESSAGE HE

BROUGHT BACK, SPREADING NEWS OF SAG'S APPARENT POSITION
HAS GIVEN FRESH HOPE TO THOSE OPPOSING AL-AYNI'S RETURN.

4. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA HAS UNDERTAKEN A PERSONAL CRUSADE
AGAINST EXPANDED ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY REOPENED PLO
OFFICE HERE AND AGAINST YARG'S TENDENCY GIVE PLO
A DANGEROUSLY FREE HAND. MAKING IT CLEAR
THAT HE IS PUTTING PROSPECTIVE JORDANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO YEMEN ON THE LINE, HE SEEMS TO BE HAVING SOME
SUCCESS. WITHIN THE PAST WEEK, YARG HAS BANNED FURTHER
PLO PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY INIMICAL TO FRIENDLY STATES AND
TOLD IT TO LIMIT ITS INFORMATIONAL WORK TO EXPLAINING THE
PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

5. VISIT TO JORDAN BY CHIEF OF STAFF MASWARI AND PARTY
NOW RESCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7-12.
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